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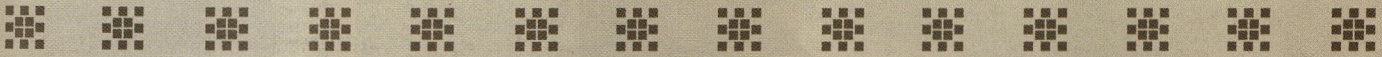
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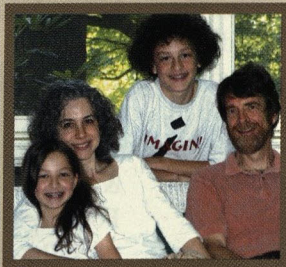


## THE HOUSE ON HARVARD AVENUE

*The light on the hardwood floors in the morning  
Sings of honey and the burnished sun.*

*On the porch you can sit and share moments  
And memories to the play of pine needles.*

*It is a house of many doors and addresses.  
The doctor's waiting room will be filled  
With Barbie dolls and Thomas trains.*



*One bedroom is like a ballroom  
Where children will dance their years into being.*

*Each floor will be filled with the color  
Of a kilim rug from Morocco or Turkey.*

*The old garage will house a father  
Singing to the sound of saw and hammer  
As the stable comes alive again with work.*

*In the long side yard, a midfielding boy  
Dreams of striking the soccer ball toward his imaginary goal.*

*His sister plays first-grade Beethoven on the upright  
Not far from where the fire will be blazing in December.*

*In the kitchen the smell of latkes and cookies  
As mom celebrates in her beloved home.*

*The world's largest pumpkin on the porch announces  
An October welcome from the new family.*

*The hitching post at the walk invites everyone  
To rein their horses and the hustle of everyday life  
And sit for a spell on the front porch.*

*The house on Harvard Avenue is full of hope  
And the blessings of families old and new.*

*We smile and add our lives to the history of the house.*

—Craig Williamson